company for creating a scarcity in the market pushing the prices up and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The MRTP Commission has recently ordered the Director General Investigation & Registration to conduct a preliminary Investigation on a complaint alleging that M/s SKF Bearings India Limited is not supplying bearings in accordance with the orders placed by dealers and that the supplies are being affected only to a few favoured dealers.

The MRTP Commission is a quasi-judicial body and is empowered to take further necessary action under the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969 on receipt of the Preliminary Investigation Report from DGIR.

Supreme Court Bench in Southern States

1681. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Supreme Court Bench in one of the Southern States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to article 130 of the Constitution, the Supreme Court shall sit in Delhi or in such other place or places as the Chief Justice of India may, with the approval of the President, from time to time, appoint. No proposal has been received from the Chief Justice of India in this regard.

Setting up of Family Courts

1682. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of disputes relating to marriage and family matters are pending in the courts for long period in the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more family courts in the country to dispose of such cases; and

(d) if so, the steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The desired informataion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

(c) and (d) It has been the policy of the Government to encourage the setting up Family Courts. Where the jurisdiction of the Family Courts Act, 1984, has not been extended the Government has been requesting the States/Union Territories to take suitable steps in this regard. Where the Act has been extended, it becomes obligatory on the part of the State/Union Territory concerned to set up Family Courts for every area comprising a city or town whose population exceeds 1 million and as regards other areas, they may do so as they deem it necessary.